

# BANK CASHIER CONFESSES TO \$900,000 SHORTAGE

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### BOYS DERAIL PASSENGER TRAIN AT LYNDON

#### Spike Placed On Track Causes Engine To Plunge Off Rails

Three small boys came near causing a disastrous wreck on the Boston and Maine road at Lyndon yesterday when they placed a spike upon the rail, throwing the engine of the 10.40 A. M. train out of St. Johnsbury off the tracks. The engine bumped along the sleepers for a quarter of a mile before coming to a stop. Fortunately the engine did not swerve from the track for had it done so it would have been pushed off a steep embankment into the Passumpsic river and undoubtedly some of the cars would have followed.

### WEALTHY SERBS NOW LIVING IN CHICKEN COOPS

BELGRADE, July 22, (Correspondence of The Associated Press)—In Northern Serbia many families, wealthy before the war, have been found by officers of the American Relief Administration and the American Red Cross living in stables and chicken coops. Their homes had been destroyed by the advancing or retreating armies. Their beds were heaps of straw covered with burlap. It was all that remained as furniture in their once pretentious estates. They were penniless and had no clothing except what they wore. The condition of the Serbian peasants is beyond description. A large proportion are homeless. Most families have been deprived of their wage earners by death. The mother is now obliged to support herself and children on what she can produce on a farm stripped of its machinery and tools. Most of the small stores of seed for next spring's sowing were removed by the enemy. The Red Cross hospitals are crowded with mothers carrying emaciated children, old men with the infirmities of their years, old women bent in misshapen, and young men broken by war. The soup kitchens tell the same story.

### STORY HOUR AT THE ATHENAEUM

A series of Story Hours will be given at the Athenaeum Thursday mornings at ten o'clock. The first one will be held this week. All children are cordially invited. The stories will be especially adapted to children under 10 years of age.

No Ads. After 11 O'clock!

### BOY CONFESSES TO THEFTS WHILE IN DORCHESTER

#### Ira Savage, Held for Entering Stores Here, Admits Theft in Boston

Sheriff Wilbert H. Worthen has discovered that there is a bad record against Ira Savage, one of the two boys who confessed to breaking and entering two stores on Railroad street recently, and who fled to Albany, N. Y., and were arrested and brought back here to face court.

Sheriff Worthen received the following letter from the Police Department of Boston:

Police Station II, Boston, Mass.

I see by the papers that you have gone to Albany, N. Y., for two young men, one Ira Savage. On May 27, a young man of that name was a lumper on a wet wash team. He left the clothes in the back entry. A note on the door said to go upstairs and get 75 cents which he did. The family on the first floor was not at home. They left the back door unlocked. From John F. Farrell, No. 15 Gibson street was stolen one Second issue Liberty bond, \$50, No. 5286891; one Third issue Liberty bond, \$50, No. 924280; one Fourth issue Liberty bond, \$50, No. 707551; one gold stickpin, heart shaped with green stone, value \$5; one war stamp book in the name of E. J. Brosnahan, \$25; one ladies' gold hunting case watch initials M. T. F., \$25; one black leather belt, sterling silver clasp, initials J. F. F., \$5; one pair of shoes, size No. 7, value \$5; in money \$40; one silver cigarette case initials G. E. F., value \$10.

The cigarette case was recovered by the Fitchburg, Mass., police. It was left in a house that was entered and a watch also that they want an owner for. I would like to have you question Ira Savage as to his being in Dorchester, Mass., at about May 27 and sleeping in a hen house and lumping on the wet wash team for his meals. He had no home here and has not been seen since. Let me know his age. Thanking you in advance, I remain,

PATRICK J. McNEALY, Special office Division II.

When confronted with the facts in this letter Ira Savage confessed to Sheriff Worthen that he had stolen the property mentioned. He said he sold the Liberty bonds. He had the belt and the pin. He admitted taking the other goods and of disposing of them. Both Savage and Bernard Carmody who was arrested with him, were believed to have made a clean breast of their doings after their arrest in Albany. It is since discovered that they did not tell all the facts of their wrong doings. States Attorney Campbell has returned from Boston where he has been making a special investigation of the boys' doings. He also saw the boys' parents. They will be arraigned in court this week.

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### LATE NEWS BULLETIN

(By Associated Press) PHILADELPHIA, July 22—Ralph T. Moyer, cashier of the North Pennsylvania bank, for whom a warrant had been issued, surrendered to the District Attorney today. The bank was closed last Friday owing more than two million dollars to depositors. Moyer has confessed to James W. MacBurney, receiver, that there was a shortage of nine hundred thousand dollars.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, July 22—The prohibition enforcement bill, described by members opposing it as drastic enough to invite the Presidential veto, was finally passed today by the House. The vote was 255 to 136. Nearly every member was in attendance and there was much noise during roll call.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, July 22—The House of Commons last night unanimously passed the Anglo-French treaty bill in all its stages. Commander Kenworthy moved rejection of the bill on the ground that it was inconsistent with the spirit of the League of Nations. Joseph Devlin seconded the motion.

Premier Lloyd George in defending the bill said that if the treaty had been in existence in 1914 with the signatures of Great Britain and the United States appended to it, the war would not have occurred. He said he was confident that 99 per cent of the British people approved the treaty.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, July 22—A proclamation of martial law may be necessary to end race rioting here which last night resulted in killing five persons and injuring 50 others. The first police report today told of another white woman assaulted and injured by a negro at Capitol Heights, a suburb to the Northeast of this city. It was the seventh attack on white women by negroes in and near the District of Columbia within a fortnight.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, July 22—In response to President Wilson's request that it approve the provisional appointment of an American representative on the reparations commission to be created under peace treaty, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today adopted a declaration that until treaty is ratified no power exists to carry out its provisions.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, July 22—President Wilson was sufficiently recovered today from his indisposition to resume conferences with Republican Senators at the White House without objection from Rear Admiral Grayson, his personal physician. Admiral Grayson said the President was in no pain but was extremely weak. He said the President was sitting up receiving callers and probably would be up at least until after lunch time.

(By Associated Press) SAN DIEGO, Cal., July 22—George Primrose, veteran minstrel man, who came here three weeks ago suffering from stomach disease, was reported seriously ill at the hospital today.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, July 22—The Republican House leaders, after informal conferences, have decided to call a party caucus later in the week.

### MISSOURI LAWYER MAKES REPLY TO SENATOR JOHNSON

#### Charles M. Hay Disputes Statements of California Statesman

(Special to the Caledonian) BURLINGTON, July 22—Charles M. Hay, a noted Missouri lawyer, gave a stirring address last night before a small audience in the University gymnasium in reply to the recent address of Senator Hiram Johnson in this city.

On the platform with the speaker during the address were: Professor F. B. Jenks, Senator Martin S. Vilas, Judge E. C. Mower, Dean H. C. Tinkham, A. J. Cumming, Professor J. F. Messenger, Ralph E. Stevens, chairman of the Vermont branch of the League to Enforce Peace, and Professor G. G. Groat. Professor Messenger presided at the preliminary exercises, and Mr. Hay was introduced by Mr. Stevens. Previous to the address, Miss Beryl M. Harrington led the audience in the singing of national and popular airs. The address was given under the auspices of the League to Enforce Peace.

Mr. Hay said in part: "America has always stood for the peaceful settlement of disputes; always believed in small armaments; always opposed to robbery of nation by nation; always believed in the other principles announced. The principles here declared are American principles. All Americans should rejoice that the nations stand ready to accept them. And the day they are accepted and in action made real in the life of the world will be the day, not of America's surrender, but of America's conquest of the world. Why then should gentlemen go up and down this country crying alarms? Why organize societies for the 'preservation of American independence?' Who is it that is about to be enslaved by America's signing a covenant to settle peacefully her disputes with other nations, and to join with the nations in a program of disarmament? I know of none who should be alarmed save those who hope to profit and profiteer by war. If there be inhuman monsters amongst us, who for gold would nurture war, they should be alarmed. None others need be. Who is threatened with the prospect of America's pledge to respect and help preserve against a robbing nation the territorial integrity and political independence of the several nations? Can it be that gentlemen covet for our country a career of conquest? Where is the land that we would invade, where the people we would enslave? None but those who have investments in Mexico or some other country and hope to profit by American intervention need be alarmed by America's pledge to respect the territorial integrity of other countries.

"It will not do to say that the menace lies in our pledge to help preserve against external aggression the territorial integrity of other nations. Every man of sense knows that this is the same covenant that makes for peace and law and order in every realm of life. The pledge to respect and to help preserve the peace and security of others underlies and secures the peace and order of communities, cities, states, and nations. The individuals of communities, the communities of our states, the states of our nation, are bound by this same principle. If one is attacked unjustly, all are pledged to come to the rescue. And what is the result? Peace, order, the reign of law. The little man is as secure as the big; Rhode Island is as secure as New York. Back of each man stands the strength of all the men of the commonwealth. Back of every state stands the might of the nation. The result is that few breaches of the peace are made and they of minor consequence.

GAS COMPANY ELECTS The annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Johnsbury Gas Company was held at their office Monday evening, over half the stock being represented by those present. The reports of the past year showed that the company had done satisfactory business with prospects good for the future.

These officers were elected for the coming year: F. M. Abbott, Charles Weeks, E. G. Asselin, Henry J. Goodrich, L. P. Leach, F. A. Scott and George C. Felch were elected auditors. Following the stockholders' meeting the directors organized by electing F. M. Abbott, president; Henry J. Goodrich, vice-president; Miss Mabel Lynch, treasurer; John T. Carroll, superintendent.

These are the same directors and officers that served last year.

### DIRIGIBLE ON FIRE FALLS KILLS 11; INJURES 26

#### Official Inquiry Started To Fix Responsibility For Tragedy

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, July 22—An official inquiry was started today to fix the responsibility for the explosion and collapse of a dirigible which crashed through the roof of a bank late yesterday killing seven persons and injuring twenty-six others. Seventeen employees of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. of Akron, Ohio, have been detained pending a decision of whether charges of criminal carelessness can be filed against them.

The dirigible balloon was being used in making exhibition flights in the neighborhood of an amusement park on the south side. It caught fire while flying above the "loop", Chicago business district, plunged down 500 feet or more like a blazing sky-rocket, clean through the glass roof of the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank, at LaSalle street and Jackson boulevard.

Most of the dead were employees of the bank, trapped and burned to death in a withering rain of fire caused by the explosion of the balloon's gasoline tanks as they hit the floor of the rotunda of the bank, where more than 200 bookkeepers and clerks nearly all girls, were working.

The "blimp" owned by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company of Akron, O., had been flying above the loop for several hours when the accident occurred. Thousands witnessed the disaster. When approximately 500 feet above the bank a spurt of flame was seen to shoot from the top of the gas bag near the centre of the aircraft. The crowds gathered in the streets to watch the flight saw the balloon buckle and quiver as it started for the ground on its fatal plunge.

As the blazing bag began its descent four of its five occupants jumped and two of these landed safely in the streets as the "blimp" a veritable ball of flame, struck the roof with a crash audible throughout the loop district.

There was nothing to warn the hundreds of employees of the coming tragedy. A shadow passed over the marble rotunda where the 150 were busy and a terrific crash followed. It seemed, according to the survivors, that the entire bank was on fire. Breaking through the iron supports holding the glass overhead, the fuselage of the blimp with two heavy rotary engines and several gasoline tanks smashed to the floor.

Miss Harriet Messenger, the telephone operator who sat at her switch-

board on the balcony above the rotunda, told a graphic story: "There was a shadow," she said, "and I looked up to the roof, instantly a crash sent the glass flying on the heads of those below the glass roof. The girls hesitated, many of them stunned by glass or too frightened to run. Then the huge machine came through. It seemed to fill the bank with flame that searched out every corner. The heavy part with its engines and tanks fell to the floor and exploded.

"I ran then to a window and called for help. I started to jump but no one made a move to catch me so I ran to the street safely."

### SMUGGLER'S NOTCH

W. A. Taplin and wife motored to Smuggler's Notch on Sunday via Morrisville and Stowe, returning via Waterbury and Montpelier. The genial clothier took his chef along and consumed a hot sirloin steak in company with his friends in the very heart of the notch where the great spring which quenched the thirst of the ancient smugglers bursts from the earth.

He says the state expenditure of \$100,000 for the new road is a good investment, and that there will be no occasion for people to go to New Hampshire for mountain scenery so long as the spring holds out.

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